

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (currently amended) A portable communications device for identifying and purchasing a full audio work based on a sampled portion of the work, comprising:

an input for receiving a signal corresponding to a sampled portion of a full audio work;

a database operative to store therein audio work comparison information for identifying full audio works; and

a processor internal to the device and operative to compare the sampled portion signal against said comparison information to identify the full audio work corresponding to the sampled portion signal, to indicate to a user of the portable device the identity of the full audio work, and to present purchasing information that enables the user to purchase the full audio work.

Claim 19. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said processor is further operative to send a purchase message to an audio purchasing service based on said purchasing information to enable the purchase the full audio work.

Claim 20. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 19, wherein said purchasing information comprises a link to a Web site portal of said audio purchasing service.

Claim 21. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 20, wherein said link includes embedded information including the identity of the full audio work and information about the user.

Claim 22. (currently amended) A portable communications device for identifying and purchasing a full audio work based on a sampled portion of the work, comprising:

an input for receiving a signal corresponding to a sampled portion of a full audio work;

a database operative to store therein audio work comparison information for identifying full audio works, wherein said audio work comparison information is updateable; and

a processor internal to the device and operative to compare the sampled portion signal against said comparison information to identify the full audio work corresponding to the sampled portion signal, to indicate to a user of the portable device the identity of the full audio work, and to present purchasing information that enables the user to purchase the full audio work.

Claim 23. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 22, further comprising a communications module, and wherein said database is updateable via said communications module.

Claim 24. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 22, wherein said database is provided in a removable memory device to allow updating of said audio work comparison information.

Claim 25. (original) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 18, further comprising a display screen to display the identity of the full audio work and purchasing information to the user.

Claim 26. (currently amended) A portable communications device for identifying and purchasing a full audio work based on a sampled portion of the work, comprising:

an input for receiving a signal corresponding to a sampled portion of a full audio work;

a database operative to store therein audio work comparison information for identifying full audio works;

a speech module operative to convey verbal information about the identity of the full audio work and purchasing information to a user; and

a processor internal to the device and operative to compare the sampled portion signal against said comparison information to identify the full audio work corresponding to the sampled portion signal, to indicate to the user of the portable device the identity of the full audio work, and to present purchasing information that enables the user to purchase the full audio work.

Claims 27-41. (canceled)

Claim 42. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 18, wherein said input, said database, and said processor are incorporated into a personal digital assistant or a cellular telephone.

Claim 43. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 42, wherein the audio work comparison information storable in said database includes information representative of a plurality of full audio works.

Claim 44. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 22, wherein said

input, said database, and said processor are incorporated into a personal digital assistant or a cellular telephone.

Claim 45. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 44, wherein the audio work comparison information storable in said database includes information representative of a plurality of full audio works.

Claim 46. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 26, wherein said input, said database, said speech module, and said processor are incorporated into a personal digital assistant or a cellular telephone.

Claim 47. (previously presented) The portable communications device as claimed in claim 46, wherein the audio work comparison information storable in said database includes information representative of a plurality of full audio works.